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The reply filed on 10/30/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): As currently amended the claims 1-7 have absolutely different scope compare to those initially presented. Therefore, if two sets of claims (initially presented and currently amended) were presented before the first Office Action on the merits, these claims would have been subjected to a restriction requirement on the basis of combination/subcombination relationship, wherein the combination as instantly presented does not require the particularities of subcombination for patentability, and the subcombination, as was presented, may have the utility by itself as a separate and independent cleaning process. Claims 8-10 as currently amended present a process completely different in scope compare to the initially claimed one, and if initially presented would have been subjected to a restriction requirement on the same basis, as discussed above. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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